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SUBJ: FINAL COMMUNIQUE ON URANIUM CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING IS THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE EMERGING FROM MEETING ON GON AND URANIUM PRODUCERS IN NIAMEY SEPT 26.

2. QUOTE: DURING AN INFORMATION MEETING HELD ON SEPT 26, 1975 IN NIAMEY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN URANIUM EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION IN NIGER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. MOUNKEILA AROUNA (ACTING MINISTER OF MINES), EXPRESSED THE GOVERNMENTS' HOPES AND DESIRES OF SEEING A NEW FORM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NIGER, THE MINING COMPANIES AND THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

3. THE FIRST PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF THIS COOPERATION PROPOSED BY NIGER IS THE REALIZATION OF THE TAHOUA-ARLIT ROUTE.

4. THE PARTICIPANTS UNANIMOUSLY ADMITTED THE URGENCY, THE INTEREST AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROJECT, BOTH FOR

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NIGER'S DEVELOPMENT AND FOR THE REALIZATION OF THEIR OWN

OBJECTIVES.

5. THE PRESENT ESTIMATES FOR THE ROAD'S COST ARE 22.5 BILLION FRANC CFA WITH ALL TAXES INCLUDED.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER WISHES THAT THE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN URANIUM CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINANCING SO THAT WORK CAN START AS SOON AS 1976.

7. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MEETING: CEA, SOMAIR, COMINAK, OURD, PNC, AGIP, JPTC, CONOCO, ESSO, PAN OCIEAN, URANGESELL-SCHAFT, CFMU, PECHINEY MOKTA, AND ENUSA HAVE AGREED TO PRESENT THE PROJECT FOR THE TAHOUA-ARLIT ROUTE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES.

8. THEY PLEDGE TO COMMUNICATE TO NIGER WITHIN A MONTH THE POSSIBILITY AND FORMS OF THEIR PARTICIPATION.

9. THE PARTICIPANTS THANK THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER FOR THE WARM WELCOME THEY RECEIVED UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AND DURING THEIR STAY IN NIAMEY. END QUOTE.HECK

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